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1. THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED CONTINUES TO RISE AND AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER REACHED 557,000, 2.4 PERCENT OF THE LABOR FORCE.

2. A NEW DEVELOPMENT IN SEPTEMBER WAS THE SHARP INCREASE OF UNEMPLOYED FOREIGN WORKERS, NOW 66,800 OR 2.6 PERCENT. IN PREVIOUS MONTHS THE RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT FOR FOREIGN WORKERS WAS LOWER THAN FOR DOMESTIC EMPLOYEES.

3. ALSO NOTEWORTHY IS THE SHARP CLIMB IN SHORT-TIME WORK, ESPECIALLY IN THE AUTOMOBILE, ELECTRONIC AND TEXTILE INDUSTRIES. AS OF THE MIDDLE OF SEPTEMBER, 265,300 WORKERS WERE ON SHORT-TIME.

4. THE GREATEST NUMBERS OF UNEMPLOYED ARE FOUND IN THE METAL INDUSTRIES, WHITE-COLLAR PROFESSIONS, TRANSPORTATION, BUILDING TRADES, AND THE TEXTILE AND CLOTHING INDUSTRIES.

5. FOLLOWING A STEADY DOWNWARD TREND (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED), JOB OPENINGS DECREASED 12 PERCENT IN SEPTEMBER, REACHING 298,400.

6. UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE FRG REMAINS UNEVENLY DISTRIBUTED RANGING FROM 1.5 PERCENT OF THE WORK FORCE IN BADEN-WUERTTEMBERG TO 3.0 PERCENT IN RHEINLAND-PFALZ AND THE SAARLAND. ON SEPTEMBER 25, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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APPROVED A DM 950 MILLION JOB CREATION PROGRAM FOR AREAS SUFFERING GREATEST UNEMPLOYMENT. HOWEVER, THIS PROGRAM, WHICH SEEKS TO COMBAT UNEMPLOYMENT THROUGH INCREASED CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC FACILITIES, IS NOT EXPECTED TO SHOW RESULTS UNTIL NEXT SPRING. IN THE MEANTIME, UNEMPLOYMENT, RESPONDING TO SEASONAL INFLUENCES, IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE TO INCREASE.

7. THESE DEVELOPMENTS ARE IN LINE WITH PATTERNS BEGUN
LAST FALL; THEREFORE THE PUBLICATION OF STATISTICS FOR
SEPTEMBER ELICITED NO SPECIAL RESPONSE FROM THE TRADE
UNIONS, GOVERNMENT OR THE PRESS.
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